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(c) the projects undertaken/implemented under the schemes during the last five years in the State; and

(d) the details of financial assistance granted to the State during that period, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Under the schemes, assistance is given for transfer of technology through demonstrations, trainings of farmers and Integrated Pest Management (IPM). Assistance is also provided for production and supply of seeds of varieties/hybrids besides supply of plant protection equipments, farm implements etc.

(c) Integrated Cereals Development Programme (ICDP) is implemented under Macro-Management Mode of Agriculture. National Pulses Development Programme (NPDP) and Oilseeds Production Programme (OPP) were implemented in the State till 2004-05. The development of pulses and oilseeds is now covered under Macro-Management Scheme since 2005-06 in the State.

(d) Assistance as expenditure of Central Share for the development of cereals, pulses and oilseeds during the last five years is as under:

(Rs. in lakh)

Year	Cereals	Pulses	Oilseeds
2002-03	0.975	0.165	3.157
2003-04	0.982	0.306	1.545
2004-05	0.705	1.950	1.537
2005-06	2.025	2.655	5.985
2006-07	2.187	1.863	2.277

ARIs in Kerala

3222. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB PEEVEE: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of steps taken by Government to promote agro-based industries in Kerala;

(b) the details of rural industries under implementation in the State; and

(c) the details of funds allocated, sanctioned, released and utilized for the purpose during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) The Government (in the Ministry of Agro and Rural Industries) has been promoting the agro-based rural industries throughout the country, including Kerala, by implementing the following schemes:

- (i) Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP), through the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), to help entrepreneurs to set up village industry units and thus create employment opportunities in village and small towns with population upto 20,000. Under this programme, entrepreneurs can establish village industries by availing the margin money assistance from KVIC and loans from public sector scheduled commercial banks, selected regional rural banks, cooperative banks, etc. for projects with a maximum cost of Rs. 25 lakh.
- (ii) Rural Industries Service Centres Scheme (RISC), through the KVIC, for setting up of common facility centres (CFCs) to provide infrastructural support and services to such industries;
- (iii) Product Development, Design Intervention and Packaging Programme (PRODIP), through the KVIC, for improved designs and packaging of Khadi and Village Industry (KVI) products;
- (iv) Development of Production Infrastructure, through Coir Board, for development of production infrastructure, whereunder financial assistance for setting up of new coir units at the rate of 25 per cent of the cost of equipment and infrastructural facilities subject to a ceiling of Rs. 1.5 lakh for setting coir units and Rs. 50,000 for modernisation of existing coir units and for installation of generator sets of upto 11 KVA capacity to run fibre/curled coir units.
- (v) Mahila Coir Yojana, through the Coir Board, for providing trainings in spinning to women artisans and for providing subsidy of 75 per cent of the cost of the ratt.
- (vi) Modernisation of Extraction and Processing of Coir Fibre, through the Coir Board, for intensification of research and development.

efforts for introducing new technology for extraction and processing of coir fibre, development of machinery, product diversification, introduction of new products, etc.

(b) The rural industries under the REGP are promoted under the following seven broad categories:

- (i) Mineral Based Industry,
- (ii) Forest Based Industry,
- (iii) Agro and Food Processing Industry,
- (iv) Polymer and Chemical Based Industry,
- (v) Rural Engineering and Bio Technology Industry,
- (vi) Handmade Paper and Fibre industry,
- (vii) Service activities.

The details of value of production and sales and the employment generated under seven broad categories during 2005-06, in Kerala are as under:

Groups	Production (Rs. crore)	Sales (Rs. crore)	Employment (lakh person)
Mineral Based Industry	100.89	119.90	0.62
Forest Based Industry,	51.43	33.95	0.21
Agro and Food Processing Industry,	176.22	146.31	1.33
Polymer and Chemical Based Industry	82.60	76.99	0.08
Rural Engineering and Bio Technology Industry	128.85	159.57	0.35
Handmade Paper & Fibre industry	28.83	32.30	0.21
Service activities	28.92	68.23	0.40

(c) The details of funds allocated and the Margin Money utilized for Kerala, during last three years are as under:

Year	Funds Allocated	Margin Money Released (Rs. in crore)
2004-05	11.42	11.42
2005-06	16.03	15.91
2006-07*	15.41	15.41

* Provisional figures.